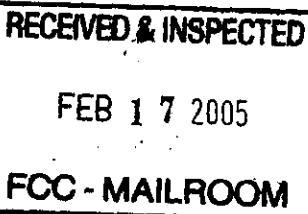


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Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
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Mr. Powell:

I am told that your commission is seeking to add more tax burden to the taxpayers by adding tax and the ridiculous Universal Service Fund to those of us who are using long distance calling cards. I pay taxes. A LOT of taxes. Enough taxes!!! Enough is enough! Please reconsider your stand on this issue. We do not need another burden, no matter how small, nor do I need to be compelled by my government to support those who can't afford phone service – or whatever. I give money to charities, I support worthy causes, but I am angry and rightly so. Please try to keep your hands out of our pocketbooks for a change.

I am writing this letter to all commissioners and have already talked with the Honorable John Cornyn in case this ever reaches the Senate, and I am also writing our president.

Please try to be a part of the solution – not a continuing part of the problem.

Sincerely,

Charles Downey

P.S. If you decide to respond to this letter, please do not do so with a form letter.